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Rotary Hears Talk of CIA Operations

To paraphrase the words of a former agent of Central Intelligence Agency, there's always a tendency for a government agency — not accountable for its funds — to get off base. So observed Charles F. Adamson of Green Mountain College who appeared as guest speaker before Granville's Rotary Club Monday evening. Mr. Adamson's comment was sparked by questions from club members, one of whom referred to the ill-fated Bay of Pigs "invasion" which collapsed like a deck of cards at a most inappropriate moment in American history.

Speaking to the Granville club at the invitation of Dr. Lester M. Browde, the former intelligence agent, reviewed Allen W. Dulles' book, "The Craft of Intelligence." In so many words Mr. Adamson suggested the book as an ideal source reference for anyone desiring a smattering of intelligence operations as performed by agents of government.

As is so usual in the public presentations of an individual cloaked in the realm of secrecy, the "meat" of the evening followed the formal speech when a question and answer period was permitted by club president, John Norton. Responding to a query concerning the Bay of Pigs operation, Mr. Adamson said the CIA must take its share of responsibility for the inability to invade Cuban shores. He emphasized CIA can not be held totally responsible as various agencies of government proved themselves influencing factors for the failure to provide air cover which today is recognized as the determining factor for the rebuff.

Mr. Adamson also volunteered the comment that the Central Intelligence Agency seems to have an "automatic penalty device to touch base with right wing movements." He offered no explanation and rested his case accordingly.

According to Mr. Adamson, Central Intelligence Agency is 75 percent concerned with overt operations — the review and evaluation of newspapers, manuscripts and public prints of various nations. He estimated that but one-fifth of CIA activities are classified as covert — as spying.